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SUBJ: OPRED: PROPOSED FY 1975 DEA STAFFING INCREASE FOR
PAKISTAN

REF: STATE 273999 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF DEA INTELLIGENCE
OPERATIONS OFFICER TO PAKISTAN BUT BELIEVES THIS OFFICER
SHOULD BE PLACED IN ISLAMABAD AND NOT IN KARACHI. DEA
OFFICES IN ISLAMABAD AND KARACHI CONCUR.

2. DEA RATIONALE GIVEN REFTEL IS DATED. AS THINGS NOW
STAND, ISLAMABAD IS DEEMED THE MOST LOGICAL LOCATION FOR
A DEA INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. SIX MONTHS AGO KARACHI WAS
THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT POINT IN OPIUM TRAFFICKING BUT
THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE PATTERN OF
ARRESTS AND IN THE ROUTES TRAVERSED BY ILLEGAL TRAFFICKERS.
IT IS NOW EVIDENT THAT A LARGE PORTION OF OPIUM PRODUCED
IN THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE IS BEING SHIPPED TO
IRAN VIA THE PUNJAB AND THAT MOST OF THE REMAINDER IS
BEING SHIPPED TO INDIA THROUGH LAHORE AND HYDERABAD.
ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS A NUMBER
OF OPIUM CASES IN THE NORTHERN REGIONS, THERE HAS
BEEN NO OPIUM SEIZURE IN KARACHI DURING THIS PERIOD OF
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TIME, KARACHI REMAINS THE TRAFFIC POINT OF CHOICE FOR

HASHISH. NOW IT APPEARS POSSIBLE, TOO, THAT THERE IS A
HEROIN LAB IN THE NWFP.

3. ISLAMABAD PROVIDES CLOSE ACCESS TO THE FRONTIER AREAS,
WHERE VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE OPIUM IS CULTIVATED, AND TO
THE PUNJAB PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, LAHORE. ALSO, THE HEAD-
QUARTERS OF THE PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD IS IN
ISLAMABAD.

4. THE EMBASSY WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY PROVIDING ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THIS ADDITIONAL DEA POSITION.
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